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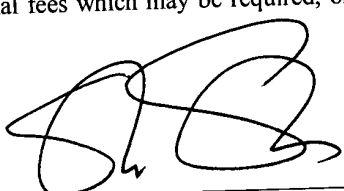
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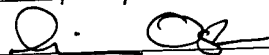
  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 24, 2002, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace lines 1-7 on page 7 with the following substitute paragraph:

A  
The resin system comprises a mixture of a polyamidoamine-epihalohydrin and a component which cooperates with or moderates its properties and may be selected from flexibilizing components. Without wishing to be bound by any one theory, it is believed that the flexibilizing component functions to hinder crosslinking of the polyamidoamine-epihalohydrin. Such a resin system is described in more detail in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/613,529 and is incorporated by reference as though set forth in full within this application.